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### HOG AND CATTLE PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for all hogs for April was \$55.60 per cwt., an increase of \$1.40 from the March price according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The all beef cattle price for April was \$88.00 per cwt., an increase of \$6.10 from the March price.

The price for corn for April averaged \$3.45 per bushel, an increase of 4 cents from the March price. Soybeans were up 17 cents to a April price of \$9.25 per bushel.

The all milk price for April, at \$15.00 per cwt., was up \$0.40 from March.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, is down 1.4 percent from the March index. The Crop Index is 150, down 1.9 percent from March. The Livestock & Products Index, at 127, is 0.8 percent below March.

#### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Apr 2010 1/	----- Minnesota -----		
		Apr 2009 2/	Mar 2010 2/	Apr 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu.....	3.63	3/	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	31.30	3/	32.10	3/
Corn, bu.....	3.51	3.68	3.41	3.45
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	109.00	107.00	118.00	108.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	113.00	110.00	125.00	115.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	99.30	75.00	80.00	80.00
Oats, bu.....	2.04	2.02	2.33	2.00
Potatoes, cwt.....	7.59	7.20	8.70	8.50
Soybeans, bu.....	9.48	9.69	9.08	9.25
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	15.70	28.10	16.40	3/
Wheat, All, bu.....	4.69	6.11	4.56	4.69
Calves, cwt.....	121.00	112.00	120.00	130.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/.....	95.40	77.10	81.90	88.00
Cows, cwt, 5/.....	56.90	50.00	54.80	59.10
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	101.00	84.70	90.50	97.20
Milk Cows, head 6/.....	1,330.00	1,410.00	--	1,250.00
Hogs, All, cwt.....	53.60	44.80	54.20	55.60
Barrows & Gilts, cwt.....	53.70	44.80	54.20	55.60
Sows, cwt.....	50.10	42.50	49.10	50.80
Lambs, cwt 7/.....	--	100.00	120.00	--
Sheep, cwt 7/.....	--	28.90	45.20	--
Milk, All, cwt.....	14.60	12.40	14.60	15.00

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

#### U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010
Prices Received.....	126	129	140	138
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates).....	180	180	182	183
Parity Ratio 1/.....	70	72	77	75

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

#### U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Apr 2009 2/	Mar 2010 2/	Apr 2010 1/
All Farm Products.....	129	*140	138
Crops.....	150	*153	150
Meat Animals.....	110	*120	126
Dairy Products.....	91	*113	112
Poultry & Eggs.....	140	159	143

\* Revised. 1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

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